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H.B. No. 217

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the liability of a groundwater conservation district
for actions of the district restricting groundwater production from
a well.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 36, Water Code, is amended
by adding Section 36.125 to read as follows:

Sec. 36.125. IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR ACTIONS
RESTRICTING WELL PRODUCTION. A district is not liable for damages
resulting from an action of the district restricting the production
of water from a well, including the enforcement of this chapter, the
adoption or enforcement of a district rule, or the issuance,
renewal, amendment, denial, or enforcement of a permit.

SECTION 2. Section 36.125, Water Code, as added by this Act,
applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the
effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
last day of the legislative session.